

Ashfield,
Gateshead du Tyne
June 22nd / 77.

My dear Mr Garrison,

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Thrice welcome once
more to our dear old country!
We have been looking anxiously
in the newspapers day after day,
for news of your landing, but
were unable to find any tidings
until Monday last, and then
I could not ascertain any
thing about your movements,
or where, after your arrival,
you were located. At last,
in despair, I wrote to our
friend Mr Joseph Lowe,
& he telegraphed to me
your present address
in London. We duly

returned to Ashfield last
evening, after an absence of
five weeks, in Cumberland,
so that Mr. Cowen's Telegram
did not reach me in time
for me to save yesterday's post.

And now dear friends we
are all anxious to know
when you will be able to
visit us. I cannot tell you
with how great anticipation
we are looking forward
to the high pleasure of
seeing you, and Mr. Frank,
our little in our little
home. Would it suit
with your other arrangements
to come to us in about two
weeks from the present date?
It would you prefer a date

later & sooner please kindly
give me a line to say when we
may expect to be honored with
your company & please arrange to
sojourn with us as long as you can.

2. How startled & how sorry I was
to hear that Miss Carpenter has
passed away from us so quickly
after the death of her dear father.
How great to us the loss of two
such useful & such pre-eminently
excellent people! But to them
how delightful to meet so soon
in the spirit world. Could we
be so selfish as wish it otherwise?
But we are loath to let our good
angels go - we do feel & need
their presence with us so much
that we are fain to hold them
on earth with us as long as we
can.

I have a kind letter from
Dear Miss Eliza Wigham

in which the Thresh of you
& mother when you propose
to visit Dublin & Edinburgh

I trust dear friend
that already you are feeling
some twinges of the chills
& own climate.

All my dear daughters
join me in kindest regards
to you, & Mr. Frank, and
in the pleasant hope
that we ^{shall} be long have
the privilege & happiness
of welcoming you both
to our home & hearth

Believe me
Dear Mr. Garrison
Yours most sincerely
E. Madsen